for Visually Handicaped, Dehradun. The Staff Selection Commission would conduct the drive for group 'C' posts for visually handicapped excepting Public Sector Undertakings. The recruitment of orthopeadically handicapped and hearing handicapped persons would be done through the normal recruitment procedure.

Reservations in the Allotment of STD PCO Connections

4288. SHRI GOVIND RAM MIRI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in addition to 27 per cent reservation in services for the people of "Other Backward Classes" a provision to grant certain "relexations-benefits" has also been made;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are contemplating to include "Other Backward Classes" also into priority sections while making allotments of STD-PCO connections; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Besides 27 per cent reservation in services for the people of Other Backward Classes, in respect of written examination and interview relaxation of standards is provided to OBC candidates as in the case of SC/ST candidates with effect from 13th October, 1994. The upper age limit prescribed for direct recruitment has been relaxed by three years for OBCs with effect from 25.1.1995. In respect of Civil Services Examinations the number of attempts to OBC candidates, who are otherwise eligible shall be seven.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) As STD/ISD PCOs are allotted only to the educated unemployed, it is expected that all economically weaker sections including those in the Other Backward Classes would be benefited by the existing policy.

Government nominees on board of Directors in State TDCC's

4289. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to have two Government nominees on the Board of Directors on each State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporation;

(b) if so, on how many State TDCC's, with names, the Government officers have been nominated;

(c) what is the representaion of SC/ST officers on these S.T.D.C.Cs; and

(d) if answer to part (c) above be in the negative what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITA RAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to have two nominees from the Government of India on the Boards of Directors of State Tribal Development Cooperative/ Corporations (TDCCs)/Minor Forest Produce (Trading & Development) Federations (MFPTDFs)/Forest Development Corporation (FDCs) under the scheme of Grant-in-aid to State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations for Minor Forest Produce operations.

(b) So far no officers has been nominated on any of the Board of State TDCC. The matter has been taken up with the concerned State Governments.

(c) and (d) Required information has been called for from the State Governments and on its receipt the same will be laid on the Table of House.